

IPM...

**three letters that
help control
pests in your home
and garden.**

With integrated pest management (IPM), you work with nature to create an environment where it is difficult for pests to survive. Techniques include cultural practices (such as mulching to prevent weeds), encouraging natural enemies ("good bugs"), and judicious use of pesticides.

- First, identify your pest problem. To find the right solution, you need to pin down the problem. Consult gardening books or your local nursery.
- Decide how much pest control is necessary. If you learn to live with some pest damage, you can avoid intensive pesticide treatments.
- Choose an effective option. Consider nonchemical controls first. If you use a chemical, choose one that targets the problem and poses the least hazard to people, property, and the environment.
- Finally, it's easier to prevent pests than to control them. Think ahead.



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Integrated Pest Management

Pest control around your home

